

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 328

By Haile

A RESOLUTION to recognize and honor Baker Neal "Buzz" Black of Sumner County.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should salute those citizens who, through their extraordinary efforts, have distinguished themselves as community leaders of whom we can all be proud; and

WHEREAS, one such noteworthy person is Baker Neal "Buzz" Black, who has distinguished himself as a citizen of the greatest dedication, ability, and integrity; and

WHEREAS, born on November 13, 1950, in Gallatin, Buzz Black is the son of Bill and Elizabeth Johnson Black; and

WHEREAS, when he was younger, Mr. Black worked at a factory in Portland; once the factory closed, he began splitting wood, hauling hay, and doing janitorial jobs; he became known as one of the best hay haulers in the county, and he continues to serve in a janitorial capacity for various businesses in Gallatin; and

WHEREAS, known throughout Northern Sumner County, Buzz Black is a master campaigner who is passionate about politics and proudly displays signs for the candidates he supports, and his neighbors have come to value his opinion when it comes time to cast their ballots; and

WHEREAS, many have seen Buzz Black's familiar, friendly face as they traveled along Highway 31E between Gallatin and Westmoreland and given him a ride, soon finding themselves engaged in lively conversation about politics and religion; and

WHEREAS, in possession of a steel-trap memory, Mr. Black memorized players and statistics from a baseball encyclopedia his father gave him when he was twelve; these days, he

collects annuals from area high schools and memorizes the individuals and their year of graduation, along with their phone numbers; and

WHEREAS, a loving brother, neighbor, and friend to all, Buzz Black epitomizes the spirit and commitment that are characteristic of a true Tennessean, and he should be specially recognized for his devoted work; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED TWELFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we recognize and honor Baker Neal "Buzz" Black for his selfless service to his fellow citizens and extend to him our best wishes for continued success and happiness in all his future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy and upon proper request made to the appropriate clerk, the language appearing immediately following the State seal appear without House or Senate designation.